

## U.S. EMBARRASSED BY ALLIED APPEAL FOR MORGAN'S AID

Participation by Bankers in  
Reparations Against  
Policy.

MUST ASK PERMISSION.

Government Has Much Bigger  
Interest, but Has Refused  
to Take Part.

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WASHINGTON, April 22 (Copyright).—The United States Government has a rather delicate question to solve in connection with the invitation extended personally to J. P. Morgan to be a member of a sub-committee of bankers selected by the Allied Reparations Commission to get advice on the subject of an international loan.

America is not officially represented on the Reparations Commission, though President Harding is hoping Congress will give him the power to make such an appointment. The committee of bankers is in a sense an unofficial body and cannot, of course, commit the United States Government, even though a prominent and influential American banker shall concur in the decisions of the committee and the commission itself.

But in view of the expressed policy of President Harding and Secretary of State Hughes, requesting American firms to consult the Government before agreeing to any flotation of foreign loans, Mr. Morgan is morally bound to ask the consent of the Department of State. Rather, the question will be whether the department has any objection to his acceptance of the invitation, for the Government will not be in the position of approving or disapproving Mr. Morgan's task on the committee of Allied bankers.

Mr. Morgan's firm lent large sums of money to the Allies before the United States entered the war and floated its loans among thousands of American investors. After the Morgans ceased financing British and French purchases in America, the United States Government extended many millions of dollars of credit to the Allies, too.

So the Morgans on the one hand and the American Government on the other are inevitably concerned with what goes on in the Reparations Commission, where the priorities on payments from Germany to the Allies are determined. Both want to see Europe reconstructed so that war debts may be paid with interest.

But if Mr. Morgan attends the meeting of the bankers, he will go as a private banker and with the task only of looking out for possible effects on the repayment of private loans—he will not be obliged to concern himself with the effect of reparations payments on American Government loans.

There has just been appointed and confirmed by the Senate an American commission to fund the Allied debt. This commission, however, can do no more than make definite arrangements for the payment of principal and interest over a period of years. It has no power of intervention that can be wielded in the direction of making the Allies fulfill the pledges they will write down when they agree to these future payments.

Although the United States has officially declined to admit that payments by Germany to the Allies has had, or will have, anything to do with the obligations of the Allies to repay the United States, nobody in official quarters is blind to the fact that such a relationship exists. That's why the movement for American official representation on the Reparations Commission has been growing in the executive branch of the Government.

As the situation stands now, the Morgan firm is in a better position to protect its loans and its investors than if it were outside the doors of the Reparations Commission. The question is whether the United States Government will forget political bugaboos at home and go inside the doors of the Reparations Commission, where the latching to America has been out for nearly three years.

## CHIEF KENLON HURT IN PARK AUTO CRASH

On the eve of a dinner celebrating his thirty-fifth year in the Fire Department, Chief John Kenlon, riding in a new department automobile with Acting Battalion Chief Charles W. Rankin, Lieut. Luke Henry and Fireman John Mayer, narrowly escaped serious injury last night when the machine was hit by a touring car in Central Park.

Miss Theresa Horowitz, twenty-one, No. 1839 Harrison Avenue, Bronx, riding in the other car with Harry Deutsch, No. 1059 Hancock Street, Brooklyn, suffered injuries of her hands. Chief Kenlon's scalp was cut. Rankin, who was driving the Fire Department car, was cut on the head and possibly injured internally. Mayer was not hurt. Chief Kenlon's car was badly damaged.

## 5 DEAD IN EXPLOSION OF GASOLINE TANK

LOS ANGELES, April 22.—Five deaths were reported early today in hospitals, at Downey and Artesia, near here, as a result of the explosion yesterday morning of a gasoline tank and gasoline tank wagon, while scores were fighting a fire in a gasoline filling station at Downey.

Five others seriously burned, were reported in a critical condition.

## ANTI-MILITARIST STRIKE OF IRISH LABOR ON TO-DAY

Thousands Quit at End of  
Work as Protest Against  
Civil War.

IDLE UNTIL TUESDAY

Tired of Ceaseless Fighting,  
They Will Tie Up All  
Industry.

DUBLIN, April 22.—Thousands of Irish workers as they quit work today planned to remain idle until next Tuesday.

The great tie-up is not directed at any party or faction, but is in protest against continuation of civil war. The workers are getting tired of being awakened in the middle of the night by explosions of grenades and the rattle of machine-gun fire. They want peace.

The Labor Party to-day announced final plans for the strike, which becomes effective Monday. The customary week-end idleness will prevail over Sunday, but on Monday trains will stop running, street cars will halt, newspapers will not publish, the post office and the telegraph system will be dead, doors of business houses will remain closed and hotels will not serve meals. Many people were buying extra supplies of food to-day to last until Tuesday.

Lord Mayor O'Neill of Dublin at a council meeting yesterday challenged the militarists when he said: "We've cleared out the British Army, now we've got to clear out the rival Irish armies. They may knock me out, but by God, they won't knock out the will of the Irish people."

As preparations for the strike went ahead, the rebels under Rory O'Connor continued to hold the Four Courts and defy the Free State troops to eject them. There was some talk of blowing them out with dynamite, but this might precipitate general bloodshed and throw Ireland into chaos.

BELFAST, April 22 (Associated Press).—This city returned to comparative quiet to-day, after the series of grave disorders ushered in with the Easter holidays. The only incident reported was the wounding of a special constable who was struck in the leg by a bullet fired from a window on Dock Street. James Greer, who was shot on the Albert Bridge Road in East Belfast Thursday, died this morning.

## COLLINS SPEAKS DESPITE THREATS

Rebel Officer With Pistol Tries in  
Vain to Stop Address by  
Free State Chief.

BELFAST, April 22 (Associated Press).—Michael Collins, upon his arrival this afternoon at Killarney to deliver an address, was met outside the depot by an Irish Republican army officer, armed with a revolver, who warned him he would not be allowed to speak until an incident at Listowel, County Kerry, where the officer alleged one of his men was fired at, had been cleared up.

Mr. Collins, who was accompanied by Commandant Gen. John McKeown, proceeded into town, whereupon the I. R. A. officer ordered the troops who were occupying the Railroad Hotel to surround the platform at the market place, where Mr. Collins was to speak. A number of men in uniform, carrying rifles and bayonets, rushed out of the building, from which a man carrying a machine gun also emerged.

Gen. McKeown, when he heard of the order, said that as an Irish soldier he claimed the right to go through Ireland and would not be deterred. The I. R. A. officer, however, appeared excited and determined. To a priest, who endeavored to dissuade him in his purpose, he replied he would not allow the meeting to be held, and called his men to follow up the order he had given.

The order was obeyed, and the men proceeded to the market place. Mr. Collins and his friends, accompanied by a large and enthusiastic crowd, walked to the residence of Dr. O'Sullivan, in New Street, where he addressed his meeting.

## NO BANDS GREETED DEMPSEY IN PARIS

"Not Very Lively Here," Says Jack  
Arriving in Georges Home  
Town.

PARIS, April 22.—Jack Dempsey got a cold, not to say frosty, even glum, reception in Paris to-day. There was a small crowd at the Gare du Nord and when the conqueror of Georges Carpentier stepped from the train a voice said:

"Hurrah."

The feeble effort dwindled and died as the bystanders glared at the lone enthusiast.

"It isn't very lively, eh?" remarked Jack, turning up his overcoat collar. "Well," he said, emerging from the station to a street that looked gloomy under somber skies. "I'm glad to see Carpentier's home town."

French sportsmen explained the public was unaware Jack was coming. He will remain a week, then possibly go to Italy. The question of staging exhibition bouts was discussed but not decided.

## Representative Fairchild Marries Miss Elinor Parsons in Washington



## SEN. WALKER HEADS MOVIE EXHIBITORS AT \$75,000 SALARY

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are the masters of the screen and the arbiters of what shall appear on the screen. The differences between them and the producers have been mainly money differences—the prices they have had to pay for the productions, and conditions imposed by the producers.

Until the organization was perfected the little theatre owner was at the mercy of the producer. Now the exhibitors have as much to say with regard to the screen as the producers, and one of their big fights has been against the attempt of the producers to create a monopoly of the motion picture theatres throughout the country.

Sidney Cohen, the present President of the exhibitors, has been one of the most energetic executives the organization has had and the man who has done more than all others in licking the organization into its present virile shape. And working with him—the man at the legal baton—is Senator Walker, counsel for the exhibitors. Mr. Cohen is now ready to step out and want "Jimmy" Walker to succeed him. So far as can be learned everybody is for Walker.

To-day was said that the Senator had refused the flattering offers from the producers and that one of them was the very job which is now in the keeping of Will Hays. He is very friendly with the latter and will co-operate with him in everything that tends to the success of the industry in all its branches.

The movie magnates of the industry make no concealment of their satisfaction at having a prominent Republican at the head of one branch of the industry and a New York Democratic leader at another, but aver that politics in no way enters into the situation.

Senator Walker is of the Tammany school of Al Smith and Surrogate James A. Foley. While the former Governor went to the top by way of the Assembly, the younger leader chose to cleave his path through the Senate. He was originally a song writer and the author of some of the most popular ballads, including "In the Shade of the Old Apple Tree," and his interest in the stage and screen is still as great as in the days when he was a writer of songs.

## DIXIE, LACKING CASH, LOSES HIS L. I. HOME

Delayed Delay at Auction for  
Arrival of William A. Brady.

Henry E. Dixie, the actor, lost an opportunity to retain his home at Plandome, L. I., and was forced to sell it for \$6,500 less than he might have received because he lacked \$1,900 in cash this morning.

The home was being sold under a court order to separate the interests of Mr. Dixie and his former wife, Mrs. Marie U. Nordstrom Dixie, also widely known on the stage. When a bid of \$22,500 was made, Dixie raised to \$27,000, not knowing a 10 per cent. cash deposit is required. A delay of half an hour for the arrival of William A. Brady with the necessary \$1,900 was denied. The property was sold to Mrs. Jane W. Jelliffe for \$29,000.

## HUSBAND-SLAYER GETS NINE YEARS' PROBATION

Victim Was Gambler and Bootlegger, Wife Explained.

LOS ANGELES, April 22.—Mrs. Julia Johnstone, tried for the murder of her husband, Thomas P. Johnstone, at their Long Beach home last summer and convicted of manslaughter, yesterday was placed on nine years' probation.

According to Mrs. Johnstone, her husband was a gambler and bootlegger. She asked him, for the sake of their little daughter, to take up bootlegging work, he said. He did not, but she

## STONEHAM INQUIRY IN DIER FAILURE URGED BY COUNSEL

Blumenthal Requests Transactions  
of Broker With Bank-  
rupt Firm Be Scrutinized.

Daniel W. Blumenthal of No. 233 Broadway, chief counsel to the Creditors' Protective Committee formed by many of the 8,000 creditors of the bankrupt brokerage firm of E. D. Dier & Co., to-day addressed a letter to the committee, urging among other things, the fullest investigation of the relations of Charles A. Stoneham with the firm of Hughes & Dier and its successor, E. D. Dier & Co.

He especially urges investigation as to:

1. The real cause which brought about the expulsion of Col. Henry D. Hughes from the Philadelphia Stock Exchange when he was a member of the firm of Hughes & Dier and what relation, if any, with the wrecking of E. D. Dier & Co.

2. The pecuniary interests, if any, of Dier and his associates and Charles A. Stoneham and his associates in the "little business transaction" (\$5,300,000) whereby Charles A. Stoneham & Co. transferred its customers' accounts to Hughes & Dier.

3. The pecuniary interest, if any, of Stoneham and Dier and their respective associates in the so-called purchase by Stoneham from Dier & Co. of some \$2,400,000 worth of customers' securities.

Mr. Blumenthal said to an Evening World reporter:

"I have been informed by a former manager of one of E. D. Dier & Co.'s out of town branches that last May he requested by a letter a statement as to the firm's financial condition and who was back of the firm. This was about the time that Col. Hughes was expelled from the Philadelphia Stock Exchange."

The customers in his office were in a panic condition, the manager said, fearing to lose their investments and some of their life savings. One woman lost \$100,000.

"The manager told me that as a result of his letter Dier's leading representative hurried to him on a night train and, when he arrived, told him that a rich New Yorker was a silent partner, but that was not to be known publicly."

"The manager said he relied upon this assurance in dealing with his customers."

## PURSE SNATCHER CAUGHT IN CHASE BY PATROLMAN

Woman in Brooklyn Street  
Screams When Thief Grabs  
Week's Wages.

Mrs. Josephine Devinta, No. 338 Hudson Avenue, Brooklyn, was leaving a street car at DeKalb Avenue and Hudson Avenue at noon to-day when a man grabbed her purse and ran. The purse contained \$21, Mrs. Devinta's wages for the week, and she set out after the thief, screaming at the top of her voice.

Through DeKalb Avenue to Hudson Avenue to Lafayette Avenue, a distance of four blocks, the chase continued with the thief making a circuit of the Police Station leading the pursuit. Stump finally caught the fugitive, who had Mrs. Devinta's purse in his pocket.

Under the name of Joseph Solomon, No. 35 Blake Avenue, the thief was locked up.

## LOCK OUT 600,000 ENGLISH WORKERS

Operators Issue Orders, Effective  
in Week, When Negotia-  
tions Fail.

LONDON, April 22.—Lock-out notices against 600,000 workers belonging to forty-seven unions outside the Amalgamated Engineering Union were ordered posted to-day by engineering employers. Most of the notices are effective in a week's time.

Negotiations between employers and leaders of the United States to-day, of some hundred and fifty thousand members of the Amalgamated Engineering Union already are locked out.

## U. S. ORDERED TO MAKE PIPE CHARGES CLEAR

Judge Knox Grants in Part  
Motion of Alleged Combine.

Judge John G. Knox in an opinion filed to-day in the Federal District Court, granted in part the motion for additional particulars made by the corporate and individual defendants alleged to be members of the Eastern Soil Pipe Manufacturers Association, indicted by the United States Grand Jury, being an unlawful combination and conspiracy in violation of the Sherman Anti-Trust Law.

Judge Knox directed the Government to inform the defendants regarding the approximate time upon which they become parties to the alleged combination and to specify the articles of which the charged prices were unlawfully fixed.

## FLYERS OFF FOR PANAMA

The 24th Pursuit and 25th Bombardment Squadrons, Air Service, U. S. Army, entrained from Mitchell Field this morning, enroute to Panama for a two-year tour of duty. They sailed from Brooklyn on the transport Somme.

## TEACHER WHO ATTACKED GIRL, WASHINGTON, APRIL 22.—A sentence of thirty years in jail was imposed to-day on Howard Leslie Holt, forty, dancing master, convicted on a charge of attacking one of his pupils, a twelve-year-old girl.

## GOMPERS IN ANGER REFUSES TO CHANGE VIEWS ON LAWYERS

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experience with lawyers who have been for you or those who have been against you?"

Mr. Gompers flushed angrily and said his own experience with lawyers had nothing to do with the case.

Mr. Untermyer briefly rehearsed the public service of lawyers in legislative bodies and as executives. Then he asked: "You decline to withdraw the strictures on my profession, which I deeply resent?"

"I do," said Mr. Gompers, "and whatever resentment you feel is reciprocated."

Mr. Untermyer recalled the testimony yesterday of the witnesses Holdstrom and Lantz, dock builders and carpenters, who were expelled from their unions for opposing the methods of Robert P. Brindell.

Q. Do you realize that men deprived of their livelihood as these men have been have no redress? A. From the courts?

Q. Anywhere? A. Not at present.

Q. Is it your thought that their distress is to be relieved by trade after their death? A. I know nothing as to heaven. I hope that before long they will find relief within the labor movement.

## CAPITAL AND LABOR—MASTER AND SERVANT.

Mr. Gompers repeated his assertion that courts traditionally regard capital and labor as master and servant, and in settling a quarrel would give the benefit to the masters.

Mr. Gompers said he was unalterably opposed to legislation giving the courts the right to review constitutions, by-laws or regulations of unions.

"Don't you want employers associations regulate in that way?"

"No, sir," replied Mr. Gompers, "I would not interfere with their combination for the bettering of trade conditions. But as to their wrong doing affecting material products, firm prices, they should be regulated. But the unions are voluntary organizations of human beings not for profit."

"Don't you realize that trade associations are organized not for the profit of the members—the association does not make any profit?" asked Mr. Untermyer.

"Doesn't the union seek profit for its members and not for itself in the same way?"

"The profit sought by the labor union is the bettering of the working classes—humanity," declared Mr. Gompers.

## BREACHES OF CONTRACT THAT DIFFER.

"If it is a breach of contract for employers in a slack time to seek to reduce wages," asked Mr. Untermyer, "is it also a breach of contract for the working man in a time of activity to demand and take \$12, \$14 or \$15 a day when he agreed to work for \$9?"

"No," said Mr. Gompers. "The workingman has the right to accept what is offered."

"And to desert the employer for whom he is pledged to work for \$9 a day?"

"Yes, sir."

"Where is the mutuality in such a contract?"

"The contract is based on a minimum wage, not a maximum," said Mr. Gompers.

"Ah-h!" exclaimed Mr. Untermyer, triumphantly, "did you ever see a building trades contract? Do you ever know one of the unconscionable, contemptible and despised contractors to sign a contract like that?"

"The men are accepting that money because the contractors are giving it to them," was Mr. Gompers' answer after a denial of ill will against "all contractors."

Q. Do you think it should be stopped? A. I do not. The contractors are in competition to get men—they are bidding against each other.

Q. Why should the men permit exceeding the scale when it punishes those who accept less than the scale? A. It is furthering human aspirations.

Mr. Gompers reprimanded Mr. Untermyer for using the word "monopoly" to describe the present mounting costs of building trade labor. "I don't like slang," he said. "It has taught me a lot," said Mr. Untermyer.

## STRIKE ON HOMES FOR WORK- ING PEOPLE.

Mr. Untermyer presented these charges to Mr. Gompers:

"Bricklayers working for Matthews & Lynch at 18th Avenue and Jackson Avenue, Long Island City, struck on Tuesday and refused to continue unless they got \$12 a day instead of \$10. They got it. They were working on the construction of six-family houses. The increased cost must be paid in rent by working people."

"A contractor named Vallente on Fifth Avenue, Astoria, near Jamaica Street, was confronted with the same situation Thursday and was compelled to pay \$13 a day."

"Don't you believe these things should be stopped?"

"The effort to limit wages," said Mr. Gompers, "has in all time brought brutality, tyranny and virtual slavery with it."

"Shouldn't the contractor have the right to recover his losses by such conduct? Just as the union can recover if a contractor pays his men less than the scale on which his bid for the job was based?"

"No, not by law," insisted Mr. Gompers. "Certainly not."

## HARRIET RANSOM THE BRIDE TO-DAY OF DR. DONALDSON



Miss Harriet Ransom

## Bride Is One of an Old N. Y. Family and Husband Served in the War.

Miss Harriet Ransom, daughter of Mrs. Warren A. Ransom, No. 140 West 58th Street, and a member of one of the oldest families of this city, will be married in St. Thomas's Church this afternoon to Dr. Blake Donaldson, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Donaldson of Smithtown, L. I. The Rev. Dr. Stires will officiate.

Miss Ransom is a member of the Junior League. During the World War she worked under Mrs. Henry P. Davison at relief work. Her great-grandfather was General Saltonstall, Colonial Governor of Connecticut; her great grandfather was David Mumford, Secretary to Benjamin Franklin when Franklin was Special Minister to France.

Dr. Donaldson served as a Major with the Post Graduate Medical Unit in France for twenty-one months. He is now visiting attendant in both City and Post Graduate Hospitals.

After the ceremony a reception will be held in the Plaza. The couple will honeymoon in the South.

## \$250,000 ESTATE SHRINKS TO \$65,000

Said to Be One of Largest Ever  
Handled by Public Ad-  
ministrator.

How an estate of a quarter of a million dollars can dwindle to about \$65,000 was shown in Surrogate's Court to-day in the accounting made by the Public Administrator of the estate of Simon James Gordon, who died July 2, 1919 at his home, No. 121 Madison Avenue. The shrinkage is explained by creditors' claims of \$90,000, depreciation in securities and administration expenses.

The estate is said to be one of the largest ever handled by the Public Administrator's office. Gordon did not leave a will or trace of any surviving kin. After investigation, however, it was learned he had a wife, son and two daughters in Russia. One daughter, Edith Marie Horosheiwich, of Warsaw, is the only one that has been located.

## HAVRE DE GRACE SELECTIONS.

HAVRE DE GRACE, RACE TRACK, Md., April 22.—The following are the selections for Monday's races:

FIRST RACE—Bucardo, Wilson Salmon entry, Wrangle.

SECOND RACE—Fair Mac, Highland Lad, Equiman.

THIRD RACE—Wellfinder, Carpet Sweeper, Knight of the Heather.

FOURTH RACE—My Play, Caretaker, Trevelyan.

FIFTH RACE—Ruben, Valor, Registrar.

SIXTH RACE—Gem, Kate Brummel, High Gear.

SEVENTH RACE—Mose, Norfolk's Choice, Lazy Lou.

## ERROL NOW U. S. CITIZEN AFTER THREE ATTEMPTS

Acting Mayor Speeds Up Machinery  
to Prevent Fourth Failure.

After fifteen years of effort Leon Errol, the comedian, co-star with Marilyn Miller in "Sally," became a citizen of the United States to-day. If he hadn't succeeded to-day he would have had to wait five years longer. So Acting Mayor Murray Hubert left the affairs of the city flat for two hours to aid Edward E. Pidgeon, "Errol's" real name, become a voter.

Mr. Errol was born in Australia. He first applied for citizenship here in 1907. When it was time for his second papers he was on the Pacific Coast. In 1913 he took out first papers again. Later his bag, with his first papers, was stolen in London. For the third time he took out first papers.

The time limit was approaching, but Acting Mayor Hubert speeded up and the final papers were signed.

## THUGS KILL POLICEMAN, WOUND TWO, IN HOLDUP

Escape With \$75 Pay Roll Money  
of Morris & Co.

ST. LOUIS, April 22.—One policeman was killed and two were wounded, one critically, by robbers who to-day held up the office of Morris & Co. here and escaped with \$75 of payroll money.

The policemen saw the thugs holding up the office and opened fire, which the robbers returned.

## "LOVE THEFT" CAUSE OF POWERS'S DEATH IN TEXAS TRAGEDY

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handwriting. The object was murder.

"If Mrs. Soderman wrote the things she said she did and will swear to them on the witness stand, we will file murder charges against her. Under the Texas law, an accessory is held on the same status with a principal."

Soderman is expected to break his silence at the examining trial. Meanwhile District Attorney Hughes carefully guarded evidence he expects to present.

The Soderman and Powers' families were formerly very close friends. The men were at one time hotel partners in Fort Worth. The defendant's pretty wife was said to be in Fort Worth to-day. She was in El Paso, her husband said, when she was declared to have written the "Love Theft" missive.

The letter covers nine pages. Despite it, Hughes to-day declared he believed the woman would not "risk indictment" by testifying. Soderman's staff of attorneys said otherwise and scoffed at the indictment threat. Meanwhile Mrs. Powers was the silent figure in the tragedy. She was to have appeared as a star in one of her husband's plays here this week, but the engagement was cancelled.

Powers, a graduate of Leland Stanford University, was a brother of Tom Powers, Broadway star, and son of Joshua Powers of Louisville, Ky., former President of the National Bankers' Association. At the time he was killed he was manager of a hotel here.